

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination of the present application.

In the specification, a paragraph has been added on page 1.

Claims 1-5 and 13 are currently being amended to incorporate amendments made in the International Stage on July 28, 2004. The PCT/IPEA/409 and English translation thereof are also submitted with the present national stage filing, however, due to incorrect claim identifiers used in the English translation of amended claims it is believed that substitute pages would not have been entered by the US Patent and Trademark Office. The present Preliminary Amendment to the claims ensures entry of amendments made in the international stage.

This amendment changes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are in the application is presented with an appropriate defined status identifier.

Claims 1-16 are pending in this application.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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